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§4–140.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Program capacity” means the program capacity set by the Howard County School System’s Policy 6010 or its successor policy.

(3) “Target utilization” means the target utilization set by the Howard County School System’s Policy 6010 or its successor policy.

(b) This section applies only in Howard County.

(c) Beginning in the 2021–2022 school year, the Howard County Board of Education shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the program capacity of each permanent school facility based on the rates for elementary, middle, and high schools set by the county board.

(d) (1) If student enrollment at a permanent school facility is not within 10% of target utilization, the county board shall report to the General Assembly and the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, each year the permanent school facility is not within 10% of the target utilization on a plan to adjust student enrollment to meet target utilization.

(2) (i) If student enrollment at a permanent school facility is not within 20% of target utilization, the county board shall implement the processes set out in the Howard County Public School System’s Policy 6010, or its successor policy, to assess the need for a redetermination of the geographic attendance area.

(ii) If the outcome of the assessment under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is not a redetermination of the geographic attendance area, the county board shall submit a report to the General Assembly and the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, that includes:

1. An explanation of the reason a redetermination was not appropriate; and

utilization.

2. A plan to adjust student enrollment to meet target

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